

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A remanufacturing method for a developer supply container detachably mountable to a main assembly of an image forming apparatus, said developer supply container including a frame, a developer accommodating portion for accommodating a developer to be used by a developing device of the image forming apparatus, a developer filling opening for filling the developer into said developer accommodating portion, a capping member for closing said developer filling opening, and a cap covering member covering said capping member, said cap covering member being fixed by welding to said frame, said remanufacturing method comprising:

15 a cap covering member dismounting step of dismounting said cap covering member from said frame by separating cap covering member from said frame at a welded portion;

20 a capping member dismounting step of dismounting said capping member to open said developer filling opening;

a developer filling step of filling the developer with said developer filling opening;

25 a capping member mounting step of closing said developer filling opening by a capping member;

a cap covering member mounting step of mounting said cap covering member to said frame.

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the
welded portion is prevented from being exposed
externally by a sticker member, and in said cap
5 covering member dismounting step the welded portion is
removed after the welded portion is exposed by
removing the sticker member.

3. A method according to Claim 1, further
10 comprising a cleaning step of cleaning said developer
accommodating portion between said capping member
dismounting step and said developer filling step.

4. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said
15 frame is provided with developer supply opening for
supplying the developer into the developing device
from said developer accommodating portion, and said
remanufacturing method further comprising a supply
opening sealing step for sealing said developer supply
20 opening between said capping member dismounting step
and said developer filling step.

5. A method according to Claim 1, wherein in
said capping member mounting step, said cap covering
25 member is mounted using at least one of adhesive
material, adhesive member and fastening member.

6. A method according to Claim 1, wherein in
said capping member mounting step, said cap covering
member is provided with an indication permitting
recognition of a color of the developer filled in said
5 developer filling step.

7. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said
developer supply container is provided with a storing
element having communicating means communicatable with
10 communicating means provided in the main assembly of
the apparatus, said remanufacturing method further
comprising a storing element exchanging process of
exchanging said storing element with a storing element
storing different information.

15 8. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said
cap covering member is fixed to the frame by a heat
crimping portion provided by welding a free end of a
projection extended from said frame, and in a cap
20 covering member dismounting step, the heat crimping
portion is removed, and the cap covering member is
dismounted from said frame, and in said cap covering
member mounting step, said capping member is engaged
with the projection from which the heat crimping
portion is removed, so that cap covering member is
25 mounted to said frame.

9. A method according to Claim 8, wherein in

said cap covering member dismounting step, said heat crimping portion is removed along a surface of said cap covering member.

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10. A method according to Claim 8, wherein in said cap covering member dismounting step the heat crimping portion is removed by an end mill cutter a cutter or a nipper.

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11. A method according to Claim 8, wherein in said cap covering member dismounting step a tool is inserted between said frame and said cap covering member and is moved in a cap covering member dismounting direction to remove said heat crimping portion.

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12. A method according to Claim 8 or 11, wherein in said cap covering member dismounting step, the heat crimping portion is heated, and said cap covering member is moved in a cap covering member dismounting direction.

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